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"Georgi Chankov" Iron Works

1. The "Georgi Chankov" Iron Works, formerly known as "Vulkar", is located at the beginning of the Stara Zagora-Khaskovo highway in the southern sector of the city. It occupies about 1.25-1.5 acres. There are three main buildings described as follows:
  - a. A 70 x 10 meter building; half of the building has one story; the other half has two stories and is used as the lathe shop;
  - b. A 1-story, 50 x 20 meter building housing the forges; and
  - c. A 1-story, 50 x 8 meter building which is used as a depot.
2. The factory has 5-6 steam hammers and an unknown quantity of lathes, planers, presses and forges. It employs 150-200 people in three shifts. The workers are all from the environs of Stara Zagora. There are no Soviets at the factory.
3. The factory produces hoes, pickaxes, shovels, adzes, automobile axles and engineering equipment for the Army. The factory has access to road transportation via the Khaskovo road and to a spur railroad line which runs from the Stara Zagora railroad station to the "Nedeleho Nikolov" Vegetable Oil Factory.
4. The factory is surrounded by walls and is guarded by three Militia who are billeted at the factory. Workers entrance permits are checked by the Militia.

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"23 Dekemvri" Leather and Sole Factory

5. The "23 Dekemvri" Factory is situated beside the "Georgi Chankov" Iron Works. It occupies 1.25-1.50 acres. It is housed in an "L" shaped building having an overall length of about 120 meters and a width of about 20 meters. The factory has an administrative personnel of about 10 and a labor force of about 50.
6. The factory works in three shifts and has a yearly production of about 400,000 kilograms of tanned leather, leather soles and transmission belts. An unknown quantity is used by the Army, the remainder is for civilian use.
7. The factory receives its hides from the Stara Zagora slaughter house and slaughter houses in other parts of Bulgaria according to directives of the Ministry of Light Industry. The factory has 10 ponds (for cleaning the hides), tanneries, and an unknown quantity of presses and other equipment. The factory area is surrounded by walls and is guarded by special watchmen. There are no Militia at the factory.

Asbestos Factory

8. The asbestos factory, surrounded by walls, is located near the "23 Dekemvri" Factory and occupies about one acre of land. The factory is housed in two buildings described as follows:
  - a. A 1-story, 25 x 10 meter factory building; and
  - b. A 2-story, 20 x 8 meter office building and depot.
9. Magnesium silicate mined in the Rhodope mountains, is pulverized at the factory. Raw materials and factory products are transported over the roads. The factory has a labor force of about 30 working in three shifts.

"Nedelcho Nikolov" Vegetable Oil Factory

10. The "Nedelcho Nikolov" Factory, surrounded by walls and guarded by special watchmen, is separated from the asbestos factory by a street. The factory area is about 2.5 acres. The main factory building is "L" shaped with an overall length of about 200 meters and a width of 15 meters. Factory equipment consists of a 100 horsepower steam engine, two steam boilers, a press, a refining machine and a machine to separate the seed and pellicle. The factory has two electric motors which are kept in reserve.
11. The administrative personnel consists of about 10, and the labor force consists of about 50 working in three shifts.
12. The factory meets the vegetable oil needs of Stara Zagora Okoliya as well as shipping to other cities. It produces mainly sunflower seed oil and some sesame and tobacco oil. The factory uses the spur line from the Stara Zagora railroad station.

"Septemvri" Plaster Factory

13. The "Septemvri" Factory is located south of the Stara Zagora railroad station. It occupies about 1.5 acres and has three buildings described as follows:
  - a. The main factory building is 60 x 20 meters; and
  - b. The others are smaller and used for storage and administrative offices.

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The west side of the factory area has a wall, and the remaining sides are enclosed with wire entanglements. The factory has its own night watchmen.

14. The factory has a small steam boiler used for heating the drying rooms, ovens and grinding mills. The factory produces plaster of Paris from gypsum mined near Radnevo village (N 42-17, E 25-26) and an unknown quantity of paints and pigments.

"Sodi i Kislorod" Chemicals Factory

15. The factory is located about 150 meters northwest of the Stara Zagora railroad station, and covers about five acres. The factory has ~~three~~ buildings described as follows:
  - a. An "L" shaped building with an overall size of about 100 x 30 meters;
  - b. A 1-story building, 30 x 20 meters in size; and
  - c. A "large" administration building; and
  - d. Two 1-story, 30 x 12 and 50 x 10 meter depots.
16. The factory is equipped with a steam engine, mills and mortars. The major part of the factory building is lined with lead lined wooden tubs. The factory produces medicinal barium sulfate from Barite mined about four kilometers northeast of Stara Zagora, barium carbonate, hydrous ferrous sulfate and iron oxide pigments.
17. The factory has an administrative staff of 8-10, and a labor staff of 30-35 working in two shifts. The factory has a branch located on the Khaskovo highway. The factory building of the branch has two stories and is 30 x 15 meters in size.
18. Potash is produced at this branch. Until about six months ago liquid oxygen was also produced. At that time, this section was transferred to an unknown location in Pleven.
19. The branch has a small steam boiler, wooden tubs and drying ovens. It employs about 20 laborers in three shifts. The main factory area is surrounded by walls, but there are no walls about the branch. The main factory has its own night watchmen.
20. The main factory previously belonged to the Bratya Azmanov (Azmanov Brothers). The branch belonged to Ivan and Rasho Bogdanov. The factories were confiscated in 1947 and combined under the same administration.

Macaroni Factory

21. A large macaroni factory is located about 100 meters south of the Stara Zagora railroad station. It covers an area of about two acres. There is a 2-story 70-80 x 15 meter factory building.
22. The factory employs about 100 laborers. Until a "few" years ago, the factory worked in three shifts. As the consumption of macaroni products has decreased, the production has been decreased. Informant has heard rumors that the factory is to be closed.

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Furniture Factory

23. A furniture factory is located about 200 meters west of the macaroni factory and about 100 meters south of the Stara Zagora-Plodiv railroad line. The factory occupies about 1.5 acres. There are four square 1-story factory buildings and a small building used for administration offices.
24. The factory produces household furniture, barrels and wooden packing cases. The factory employs about 150 workers in three shifts.

"Vilko Cherrenkov" Machinery Factory

25. The factory, surrounded by stone walls and guarded by Militia and special night watchmen, is located about 20-30 meters north of the Stara Zagora railroad loading platforms on Molotov Street. The factory area covers about 2.5 acres. There are three main buildings described as follows:
- a. A 2-story "L" shaped building with an overall size of 150 x 15 meters;
  - b. The foundry is located in a 40 x 20 meter 1-story building; and
  - c. The section making bedsteads and springs is located in a 2-story, 50 x 15 meter building.
26. The factory produces various iron tools, bedsteads, springs and machinery used in light industry. Products are transported by rail from nearby loading platform.
27. The factory employs 250-300 workers in three shifts. There are no Soviets at the factory.

"Nataliya" Knitting Factory

28. The factory is located on the Stara Zagora-Nova Zagora highway in the eastern sector of the city. It is about 20-30 meters west of the Stara Zagora-Gorna Oryahovitsa railroad line, and occupies about an acre. There are two main factory buildings described as follows:
- a. A 2-story "L" shaped building with an overall length of 70-80 meters and 15-20 meters wide, and
  - b. A 1-story, 40-50 x 8-10 meter building.
29. The factory employs about 300 laborers in three shifts, and produces articles such as flannel underwear, silk undershirts and women's blouses.

"Piperka" Canning Factory

30. The factory, surrounded by walls with its own night watchmen, is located about 200 meters northeast of the Aleksandŭr Stamboliyski Square in the northeastern section of Stara Zagora. The factory area covers about .25 acres. The factory buildings consist of two, 30 x 10 meter, 2-story buildings. The factory belongs to the RKS (Rayonen Kooperativen Sŭyuz; Regional Cooperative Union).
31. The factory has 5-6 vacuum packers, a steam boiler and cooking vats, and produces canned fruits and vegetables, a small amount of canned meat, conserves and sauces. The factory employs about 100 permanent workers and 50 seasonal workers.

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"Elprom" Electrical Fixture Factory

32. The factory is located on the corner of "Slavyani" and "Tsar Shishman" Streets in the southern part of Stara Zagora. The factory area covers about .5 acres. The factory installation consists of the following buildings:
- a. A 2-story, 40 x 10 meter building;
  - b. A 1-story, 30 x 10 meter building; and
  - c. A 1-story "L" shaped building with an overall size of 40 x 10 meters.
33. The factory produces electric switches, plugs and sockets. There is also a repair shop for electric irons, radios, etc. It employs about 150 laborers in three shifts.

"Brash-zav" Flour Mills

34. The "Brash-zav" owns two flour mills. One mill, formerly owned by the Balgaranov brothers is located about 200 meters northwest of the Stara Zagora railroad station. The mill is housed in a 2-story, 20 x 10 meter building, and occupies about an acre of land. This mill has a daily capacity of about 25-30 tons.
35. The other mill is located about 500 meters northeast of Stara Zagora and occupies about two acres. There is a 3-story, 20 x 15 meter building and a 2-story, 10 x 8 meter building. There are also some small storehouses at the mill. The mill has steel grinding units. This mill has a daily capacity of 35-45 tons, and employs about 30 laborers in three shifts.
36. These mills grind only state owned grain for Army and city use. They do not grind TKZS (Trudovo Kooperativno Zemedelsko Stopanstvo; Labor Cooperative Agrarian Farm) and privately owned grain.

"Prom Kombinat" Flour Mills

37. The "Prom Kombinat" owns two mills. One mill is located in the northern sector of Stara Zagora on the Kazanluk highway. It occupies about .6 acres. The mill is housed in a 2-story, 30 x 10 meter building. It has three steel grinding units and two mill stones. The daily capacity of the mill is about 15-25 tons.
38. The other mill is located on the south side of the asbestos factory. It occupies about three-quarters of an acre. The mill is housed in a 2-story, 30 x 10 meter building. The mill has three mill stones and a millet grinder. It employs about 10 laborers and works only during the night because of the insufficiency of electric current to run the mill during the day. The mill has a daily capacity of about 15 tons.
39. These mills grind only TKZS and privately owned grain.

Bread Combine

40. A bakery belonging to the bread cooperative, "Zdrave", is located on the northern side of the "Nedelcho Nikolov" factory and is separated from it by a street. The installation occupies about one-half acre and consists of two buildings described as follows:
- a. A 2-story, 40 x 15 meter building; and
  - b. A 1-story, 20 x 10 meter building which is used as a storehouse.

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The bakery has 10 ovens and about 10 mixing machines which are located in the second floor of the main building.

41. About 60-70 workers are employed in three shifts. The factory produces 50-60,000 loaves a day which meets the normal requirements of Stara Zagora. The factory area is surrounded by walls and has its own night watchmen.

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